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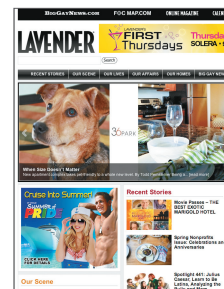
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## Celebrating Love, Celebrating the Community

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Watching the Pride Parade, visiting the booths at the Pride Festival, seeing so many people out and about as they were celebrating this community...it was just a glimpse into how far-reaching this group of people actually is. And, it was an organized one. As I watched the parade, I noted which organizations and corporations were representing themselves, which politicians and churches were showing their affiliation and support of the community, which performers and bars and restaurants and small businesses marched along with various themes and tchotchkes to throw into the crowd. What I was seeing was the community, in this post-marriage state.

Looking through these pictures in this issue, you may notice that there are some marriage-based thematic elements, but each of these groups represented in the Parade actually exist for other reasons: Music. Burlesque. Leather. Politics. Religion. Non-Religion. Sports. Food. Drinks. Sobriety. Cross-Dressing. Drag. Parenting. Pets. Fitness. Work. Commerce. Motorcycles. Anti-Bullying. Education. Health. Aging. Arts. Law Enforcement. Fire Fighting. Peace.

I watched the Parade and kept track on the Pride App on my iPhone, marveling at the number of entries and the breadth and depth of who and what they represent. This community. It's what Lavender has celebrated every two weeks since 1995.

What a wonderful segue to introduce our next big project: The Lavender Community Awards (LCAs).

The Lavender Community Awards (LCAs) will be the updated version of the Lavender 100, last year's tribute to our favorite places to go, things to do, foods to eat, places to be seen. We presented lists of finalists and winners as well as started a practice of giving attention to movers and shakers in the GLBT community, which became what I call a "keeper" of an issue; one to hang on to. Instead of asking the community to vote for favorites this year, we're going to focus on the people and ask for nominations as to who you think deserves recognition as members of the Lavender (GLBT and Allies) Community. We'll have lovely photos of the winners, short biographies to let you know who they are and what they do, and all-around lovely representation of why this community is so unique and deserving of celebration.

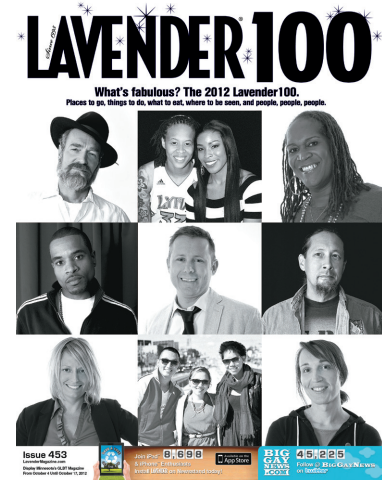
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Then, look for the new issue featuring the winners of the Lavender Community Awards on October 3.

Honestly, I can't wait.

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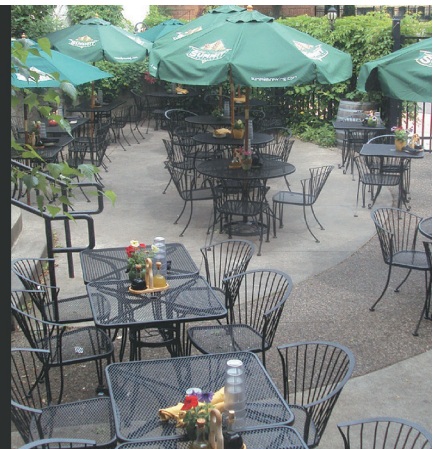
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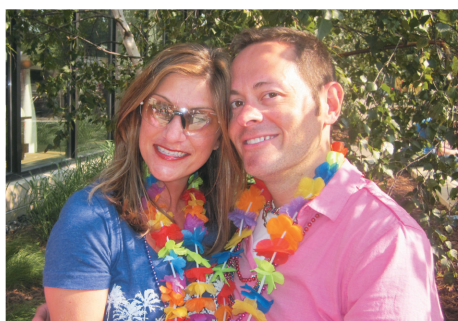
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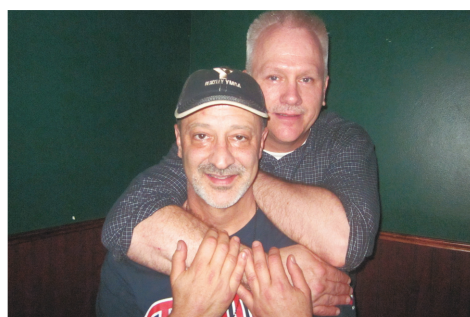
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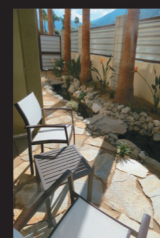
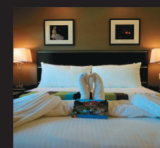
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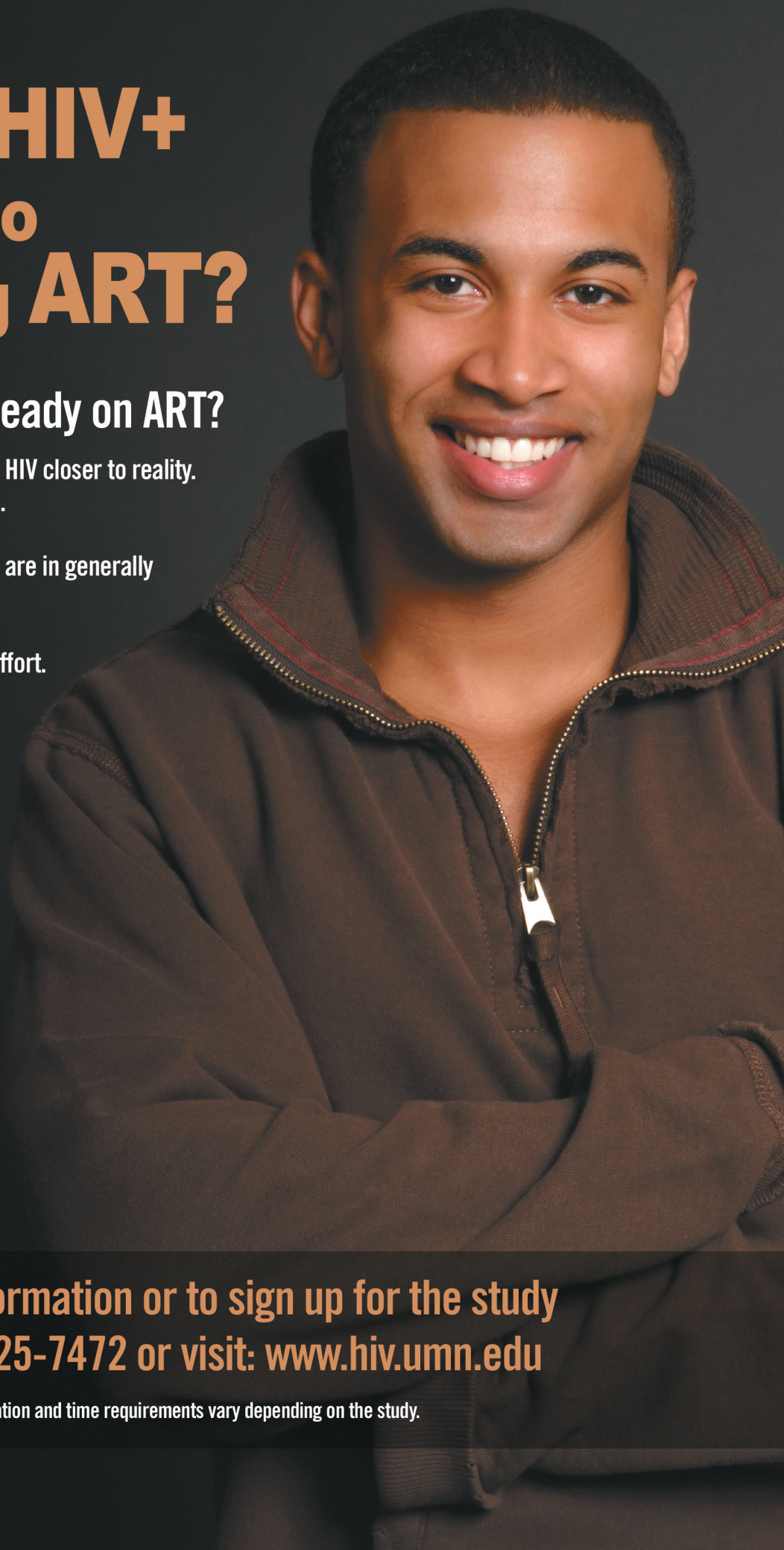
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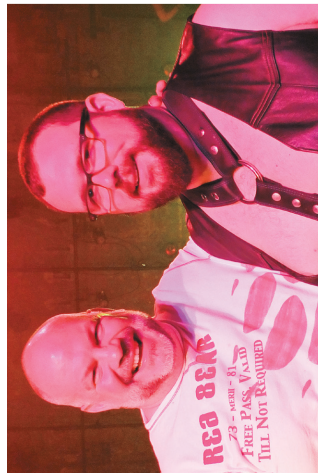
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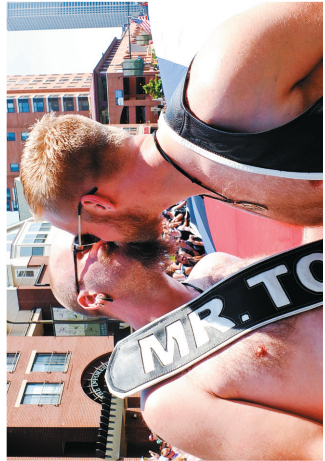


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## City of Minneapolis Energized, but Unlikely to Excel!!!

Recently in the City of Minneapolis, an idea has been brewing for several years. Many people and organizations in this city, both profit and non-profit, have renewable energy, or alternative-source energy, as a lofty goal. This is good. Xcel Energy has been on board with this idea for years. In point of fact, Xcel Energy is the number-one producer of wind energy in the United States for the ninth consecutive year.

However, there have been quiet discussions of late about Minneapolis getting into the energy business. The stated goals range from “just a review” of the implications for the future, to leveraging Xcel in negotiations, to some who wish Minneapolis to take over the energy business within the city limits. Quietly some see this as a cash cow for the city.

First and foremost, let's review some of the practical implications. The city would have to borrow through bonds as much as \$5 billion to buy and set up the business just within the city limits. The current budget of the city is approximately \$1.35 billion. Minneapolis would tie up almost all its future ability to borrow on this venture alone. Next, it would have to hire, train, and equip the personnel to run it. That takes time. The energy re-routing from sub-stations and changing the power grid would be an immense undertaking. Xcel's St. Paul, Richfield, or Robbinsdale customers would not want to be on the same power grid as Minneapolis. They would stay with Xcel, having it repair any loss of power due to a storm. The recent extremely strong storm that cut power to 600,000 people in the metro area was unique. That notwithstanding, Xcel had most customers back on line with 48 hours, and all

within five days. Council Member Lisa Goodman's comment about the city taking over the power business within Minneapolis was well taken: She asked if we could imagine getting power back in five days if the city ran Xcel Energy, when Minneapolis can't get downed trees cleared from the roads in that time frame. Some council members think that this should be on the ballot in November to see if the people want to take over Xcel within the city's jurisdiction.

If the public hearing on August 1 is favorable to those who wish the city to take over Xcel, followed by a favorable vote on August 16 by the city council to put it on the November ballot, the people of Minneapolis then can vote on it. The DFL Party recently voted at its convention to add this to its platform so it will appear on the Official DFL Sample ballots. The ballots will tell DFLers to vote “Yes” to Minneapolis getting in the power business.

Just remember this: The city has always had the right over the last 100 years that Xcel has been the city's partner and has seen fit not to get into the business of providing power and maintaining it. If Minneapolis does so, consumers would NOT have protection of the governor-appointed State Regulatory Commission to control price increases. The City of Minneapolis would have the right to RAISE YOUR BILL AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON, FOR ANY AMOUNT IT WANTED.

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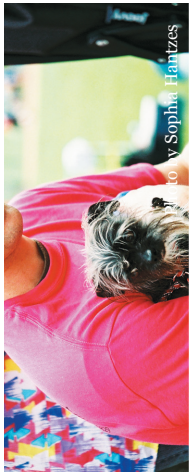


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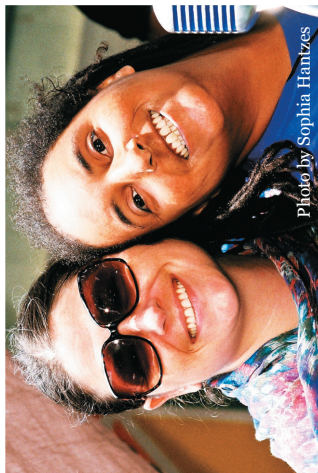


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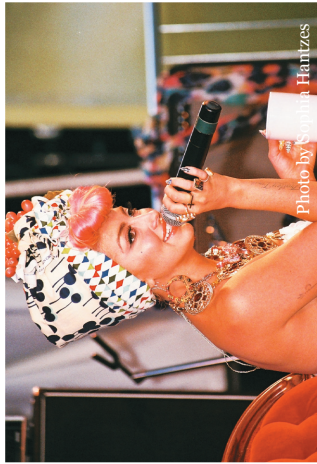






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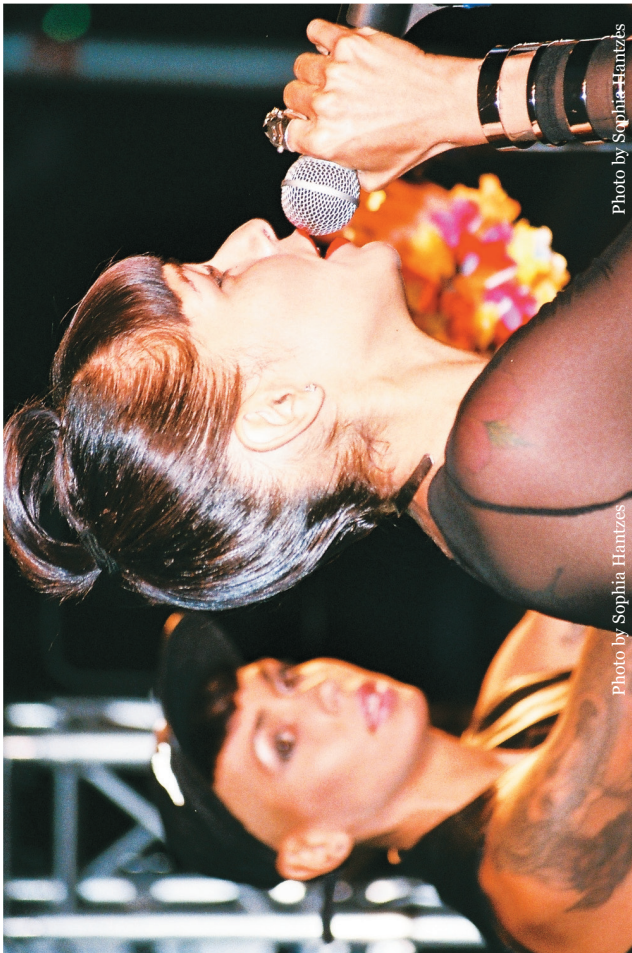


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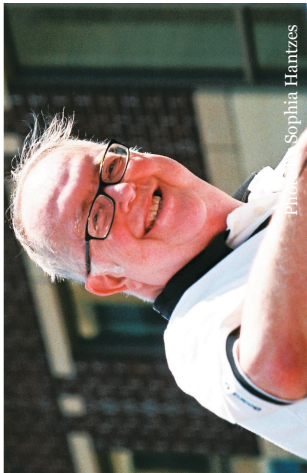


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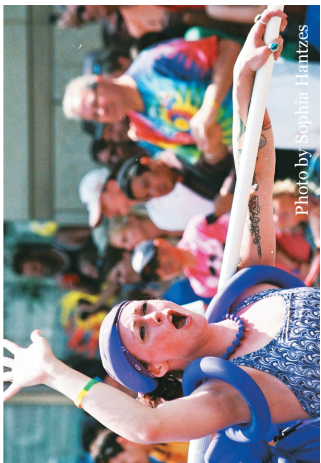


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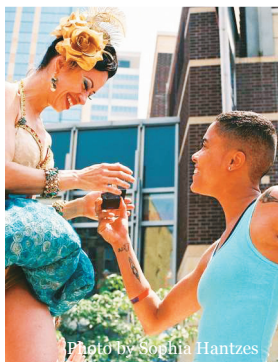


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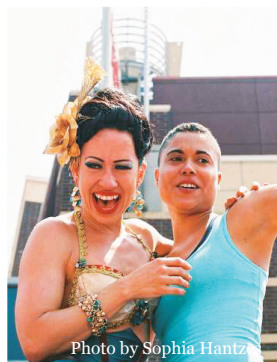


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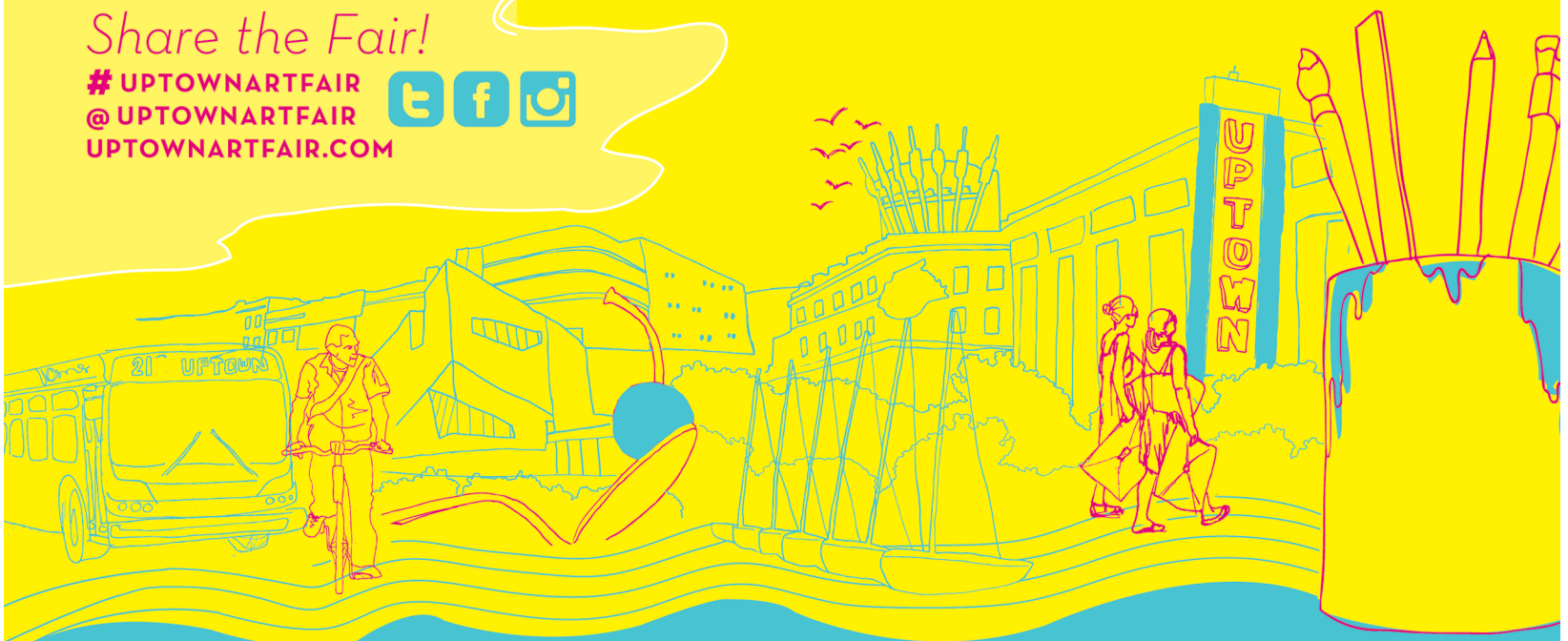


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